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THE LOVEDU

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101 928 The Lovedu are a Bantu-tribe residing in the East of the Northern Transvaal. The history of the tribe which is published here is the work of a Lovedu. With assistance of a number of old Lovedu-men and some teachers I tested the facts and rewrote the whole paper in correct Lovedu-dialect. The translation given by me is as literal as possible.

104 Vowels: *a, e, i, o, ɔ, u.*

Semivowels: *y, w.*

Consonants:

Nasals: *m, n, ɲ* (dental) *ŋ* (velar).

Fricatives: *v, f,* (both bilabial); *z, s,*; *ʒ ʃ*; *hh,*[1] *h*; *l, ɬ* (dental); *ɹ*; *r.*

Plosives: *b, p*; *g, k*; *d, ɖ* (dental) *t, ʈ* (dental).

Affricates: *tsh, tʃh.*

Diacritical letters:

h after a symbol=aspiration.

w after a symbol="back labialization."

y after a symbol="front labialization."

y after a nasal=palatalization.

[1] *hh* voiced aspirate *h.*

[2] See A. N. Tucker, M.A.—*The Comparative Phonetics of the Suto-Chuana Group of Bantu Languages*, p. 48, 143. London 1929.

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